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**REMARKS**

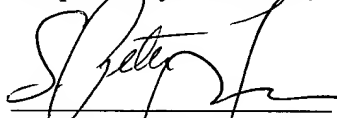
In the Office Action mailed on May 5, 2004, the Examiner asserts that the amendment to the claims filed on October 15, 2003 does not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R.

1.121(c), because the amendment does not include the text of all pending claims. In response, Applicants submit a Supplemental Amendment containing the text of all pending claims as well as the numbers of previously canceled claims. As the Supplemental Amendment concerns only matters of formal nature, no new subject matter has been added as a result of this Supplemental Amendment, no new search is required, and no new issues are raised. Applicants request entry of the foregoing Supplemental Amendment in the file history of this application. In view of the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c) have now been satisfied and the pending claims 53 and 70-88 are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation would help advance the prosecution in this case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at (212) 527-7770. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this response to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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